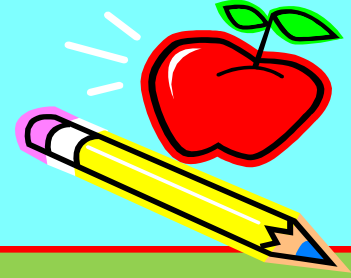




Mrs. Auslander's Classroom News

December, 2011



The kindergartners are becoming more at ease with sounding out words as they read and write in class. I hope that you are enjoying this early reading and writing stage at home!

Classroom Topics & Activities

- Focus on the sounds of M, S, A, T, C, P, D, N, & F.
- Sight words include I, like, the, and, see, we, a, to, come, me, with & my.
- Blending and segmenting sounds in words, counting words in a sentence, final sounds.
- Reading with expression, retelling stories, picture details, pausing for punctuation.
- Genre elements of realistic fiction, folk tales, fables, and informational text.
- Counting to 30 orally, matching quantities to number symbols, identifying numbers to 20, counting by 10s to 100.
- Patterns, number quantities on grids, counting on, place value for ones and tens.
- Writing numerals 0 – 10 with correct form.
- Use sight words to write simple sentences, match pictures to writing, positively comment on others writing.
- Observing and recording our adopted tree in the fall season.
- Discuss and write about Honesty.
- Feet themed math, writing, and art activities.
- Study American Indians and The Pilgrims through books, videos, props, and crafts.
- Colonial life vs. modern life for children.
- Visits from Firefighter Mike on fire safety.
- Happy Birthday Maria (11/20) & Helena (11/25).

Reminders and Requests

- ✧ Check out our newly created class website!
<http://mtl-mrs-auslander-webpage.wikispaces.com/Mrs.+Auslander%27s+Homepage>
There is general class information, suggested online games to practice taught skills, pictures and videos of our class, and more! Take time to view it with your child.
- ✧ The class website can also be accessed through the school district site - mtlsd.org. Choose Washington - Classroom News – Kindergarten.
- ✧ Drop Everything and Read Day, November 17. Wear black & gold and bring a book.
- ✧ Please help your child to return his/her library books each Monday.
- ✧ Practice the sight words covered. Use the attached cards for practice.
- ✧ Thursdays are gym days so students should wear athletic shoes.
- ✧ Practice some of our gross motor skills at home (galloping, hopping, skipping).
- ✧ Talk to your child about the Thanksgiving traditions of your family.
- ✧ If you are planning a trip and your child will miss school, please let me know in advance and I will send home a pre-approved absence form.

Ideas for Home

Have your child sound out and write simple words with the short a or short i sound in the middle (cat, fan, map, pig, dip, rim,...). Magnetic letters, markers, writing in shaving cream, or writing on someone's back are fun ways to practice. Notepads and Magna Doodles are great for the car or at restaurants.

